

[*Translation*]**Income Tax raids conducted in Rajasthan**

2849. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of raids conducted by the Income Tax Department in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) the details of illegal goods and money confiscated in these raids;

(c) the details of cases disposed of so far;

(d) whether the seized goods and cash have been returned to the concerned persons after settling their cases;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of the property yet to be returned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). The details of searches conducted by the Income Tax Department in Rajasthan and the seizures of unaccounted valuable assets made during the financial years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) to (f). Some of the above 611 cases may not have been finally disposed of as the decisions regarding the release/retention of the seized assets are taken at various stages viz. u/s 132(5) and 132(12), on furnishing adequate security, on completion of assessment and on finalisation of appellate proceedings for which no consolidated case-wise record has been maintained by the Department.

STATEMENT

<i>Financial Year</i>	<i>No. of searches conducted</i>	<i>Seizure of valuable assets (Rs. in lakhs)</i>			
		<i>cash</i>	<i>Jewellery</i>	<i>Others</i>	<i>Total</i>
1988-89	349	83.74	506.79	138.75	729.28
1989-90	158	45.65	303.93	217.54	567.12
1990-91	104	92.51	399.52	502.13	994.16

[*English*]**Compulsory cost Audit of Consumer Items**

2850. SHRI S.B. THORAT: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to extend compulsory cost audit to a number of con-

sumer items; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). A number of consumer items like drug formulations, milk food, infant milk food, cotton